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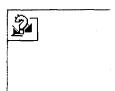
Re: Microsoft's Great Web Offensive

- > "The paradigm shift" -- in which corporate
- > customers would move an ever-increasing
- > volume of business functions to the Web
- > -- "was going to happen with or without
- > Microsoft," "That's why they jumped in."

Microsoft, the great follower, with tens of billions of monopoly rent dollars available to create paradigm shifts simply waits 5 years after someone ELSE blazes a trail, then flits along the well-cut path just in time to sabotage the pioneer and steal the ripe fruit of his labor.

- > In short, .Net is a good idea. But can it be done?
- >..."As much as we like to pick on big companies,
- > it's the big companies that have the resources,
- > wherewithal, and clout to make something of
- > this scale happen," says Burton Group's Lewis.

WRONGO. Uncle Sam drove aviation, radio, telephone, transistor, UNIX and the internet. So stop selling us your hallucinations about the private sector's competence - the public sector MUST guide the private sector or it will derail - sorry. Truth sometimes hurts.



"Give me credit for inventing internet, I'll take it, ha ha ha..."